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SUBJ: SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES - AUGUST 24 - AGENDA ITEM 12: THE QUESTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO ANY FORM OF DETENTION OR IMPRISONMENT

1. DEBATE ON SUBJECT AGENDA ITEM CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AFTERNOON WAS ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH FOLLOWING CONFRONTATION BETWEEN SEVERAL S-C MEMBERS AND THE ARGENTINE OBSERVER, AMBASSADOR GABRIEL MARTINEZ.

2. ITALIAN EXPERT GASSESSE IN THE COURSE OF HIS REMARKS ON DETENTION NOTED THAT AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTS STATE THAT 15,000 POLITICAL PRISONERS ARE BEING HELD IN ARGENTINA. IN TURNING TO URUGUAY, CASSESSE SAID 37 DEATHS BY TORTURE HAVE BEEN REPORTED. IN A LATER INTERVENTION MME. QUESTIAUX (FRANCE), EXPLAINING THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A WELL-ROUNDED PICTURE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN ARGENTINA AND URUGUAY, SAID SHE HAD RECEIVED DOSSIERS ON
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THE TWO STATES BUT WOULD LIKE INFORMATION FROM ALL AVAILABLE SOURCES IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHAT REALLY EXISTED. SHE POINTED OUT THAT THE S-C HAD ASKED THAT PROCEDURES BE ESTABLISHED SO TORTURE ISSUES COULD BE DEALT WITH IN THE PROPOER MANNER. SHE CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT IF SUCH PROCEDURES WERE NOT PROVIDED SHE WOULD NO LONGER WORK ON THE SC.

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3. AMBASSADOR MARTINEZ IN RIGHT OF REPLY SAID FIGURES CITED BY CASSESSE WERE HEARSY "AND ABSURD". HE SAID THOSE MAKING SUCH ALLEGATIONS WERE PEOPLE WHO HAD FLED ARGENTINE JUSTICE: ONE WAS ON TRIAL IN THE U.S.; ANOTHER HAD BEEN DEPORTED FROM SWEDEN. HE EXPRESSED SHOCK THAT SECT WOULD QUOTE FROM DOSSIERS AND NOT IDENTIFY ARGENTINA'S ACCUSERS. ON THE OTHER HAND, QUESTIONING THE POLITICAL LEANINGS OF BOTH CASSESSE AND QUESTIAUX, HE SAID THEY WERE IN ERROR TO NAME ARGENTINA. HE CONCLUDED SAYING A PROPER REPLY TO THESE ALLEGATIONS WOULD BE GIVEN IN ECOSOC WHERE NGO'S HAVE CONSULTATIVE STATUS.

4. EXPRESSING CONSTERNATION, MME. QUESTIAUX REPLIED SHE WAS NOT SURE WHAT MARTINEZ MEANT. SHE HAD ONLY REQUESTED BETTER PROCEDURES TO PURSUE THE ALLEGED CASES OF TORTURE OBJECTIVELY.

5. CASSESSE, DEFINDING THE RIGHT OF S-C MEMBERS TO REFER TO CONCRETE SITUATIONS, SAID THAT GOVERNMENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUTE INFORMATION GIVEN TO THE S-C BY NGO'S AND HE NOTED THAT THE AMBASSADOR HAD NOT REFUTED THE FIGURES HE QUOTED ABOUT POLITICAL PRISONERS IN ARGENTINA. HE EXPRESSED RESENTMENT AT BEING ATTACKED AS BIASED AND FOLLOWING NO CODE OF ETHICS. AS FAR AS A CODE OF ETHICS WAS CONCERNED, CASSESSE SAID HE WOULD NOT BE TAUGHT BY MARTINEZ WHO HAS BEEN EXERTING GREAT PRESSURE ON THE S-C MEMBERS TO COMPROMISE THEIR OBJECTIVITY.

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6. MARTINEZ SAID ONLY PRESSURE EXERTED WAS BY THE PUBLIC WHO SIT IN THE CHAMBER WITH THE GOVERNMENTS. THE PUBLIC, HE EXCLAIMED, SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO SIT IN CHAMBER, BUT IN GALLERY. HE SAID IT WAS THE PUBLIC WHO GAVE INFORMATION TO THE EXPERTS AND EXERTED PRESSURE. COMMENT: THE PUBLIC WHICH MARTINEZ REFERS TO ARE ARGENTINE NATIONALS WHO ARE ATTENDING THE S-C SESSION. END COMMENT.

7. SCHREIBER (BELGIUM) SAID THAT MARTINEZ WAS ATTEMPTING TO INTIMIDATE THE S-C. HE NOTED THAT S-C WAS NOT WORKING UNDER 1503 AND PUBLIC WAS PERMITTED IN CHAMBER. FURTHERMORE, HE POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS INAPPROPRIATE FOR GOVERNMENTS TO ATTACH THE S-C PARTICULARLY WHEN THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT IS HAPPENING.

8. WHITAKER (UK) STATED THAT THE TONE OF AMBASSAODR MARTINEZ' CONTRIBUTION WAS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. HE CONTINUED, STATING THAT MEMBERS OF THE S-C HAVE UTTER AND COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN CASSESSE. AN ATTACK ON ONE MEMBER OF THE S-C, HE STATED, IS AN ATTACK ON ALL MEMBERS. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE S-C WAS AWARE OF THE PRESSURE EXERTED BY THE ARGENTINIAN GOVERNMENT LAST YEAR. IT WAS, HE CONTINUED, "BLACKMAIL". SUCH ACTS,

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WHITAKER SAID, LED MEMBERS TO BELIEVE THAT THE GOA WANTED
TO HIDE SOMETHING. HE CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS BY DEMANDING
THAT MARTINEZ APOLOGIZE TO CASSESSE, QUESTIAUX AND THE S-C
OR WITHDRAW FROM THE SESSION.VANDEN HEUVEL

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